

# Acrocarpic mosses (Bryophyta) of Chapada das Mesas National Park, Maranhão, Brazil

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## Abstract

Chapada das Mesas National Park is located in southwestern Maranhão state, Brazil and comprises several forest types characteristic of the Brazilian Cerrado. We contribute to the knowledge of the distribution of Brazilian bryoflora and provide a list of moss species of Chapada das Mesas National Park. A total of 38 species of acrocarpic mosses were found, with Fissidentaceae being the richest family with 11 species. Of the species recorded, 22 are new occurrences for the state of Maranhão, and 4 of these are new records for the Northeast Region of Brazil. Most of the species recorded are broadly distributed in Brazil (66%), while restricted species represented just 10%. The most common acrocarpic moss species were *Hyophila involuta* (Hook.) A. Jaeger and *Octoblepharum albidum* Hedw.

## Key words

Bryophytes; Cerrado; rupestrian fields.

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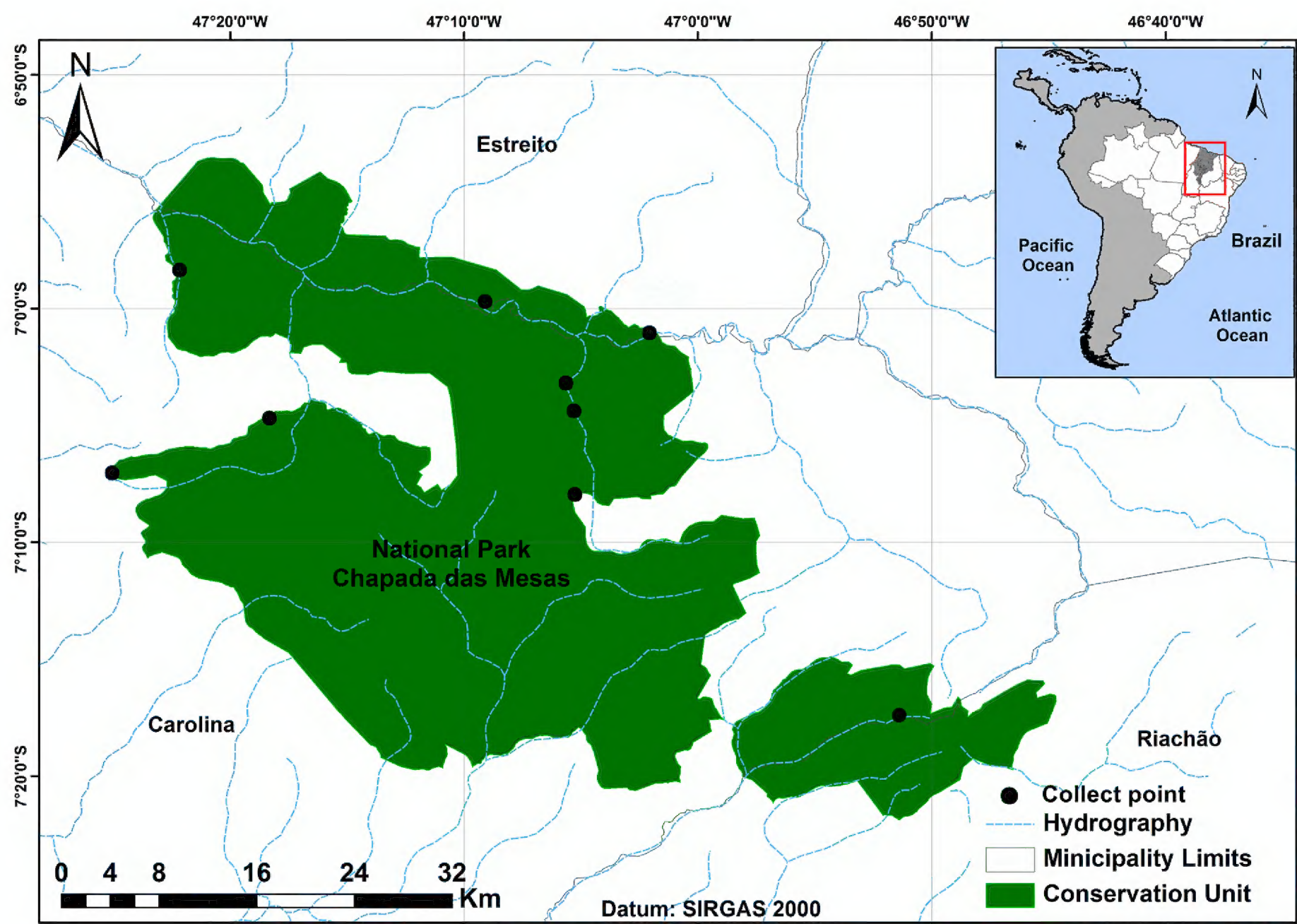
## Introduction

Chapada das Mesas National Park (CMNP) is located in the southwest region of the state of Maranhão, Brazil. It was created by presidential decree on December 2005, as a result of a historical process of community organization in the region, for the establishment of a Conservation Unit to protect the region of the Chapadas das Mesas against the advance of the agricultural frontier and other projects that could endanger its ecological value and compromise its ecotourism potential (Moraes and Lima 2007). The various vegetation types present in CMNP are

Cerrado (sensu strict) and campo sujo (savanna), along with forest formations of cerradão (seasonal forest), mata seca (dry forest) and the so-called marginal forests comprising matas de galeria (gallery forests) and buritizais (palm swamps) (Moraes and Lima 2007). There are also numerous water sources in the form of 3 important river basins: Parnaíba, Araguaia/Tocantins, and São Francisco.

According to Galinkin et al. (2004), the southwestern region of Maranhão is important for the maintenance of Brazilian biodiversity because it encompasses an ecotone between 3 biomes, the Cerrado, Amazon, and Caatinga. Thus, it represents an area with high potential





**Figure 1.** Geographic location of CMNP in Brazil and the state of Maranhão.

for sheltering high levels of richness and abundance of flora and fauna and serves as significant component of the Araguaia-Bananal ecological corridor. Although the Cerrado is recognized as one of the main centers of diversity and endemism of plant species in Brazil (Medeiros 2011), there is little information about the bryoflora of the Cerrado of Maranhão and in particular of CMNP. The destruction of the Cerrado has accelerated as this biome is being replaced by monocultures. In view this, the need to carry out inventories of the bryoflora has become extremely relevant.

Sixty species of mosses are known from the state of Maranhão (Costa and Peralta 2015). However, inventories of bryophytes around waterfalls have yet to be undertaken in the state even though a survey in Serra da Canastra National Park revealed rich moss flora in similar habitats (Carmo and Peralta 2016).

The acrocarpic growth form is evidenced in mosses that present a perichaetium produced at the apex of a main branch (La Farge-England 1996). The high diversity of acrocarpic mosses in the state of Maranhão is remarkable, as shown in publications on the bryoflora of the state (Peralta et al. 2011, Vieira et al. 2017).

The great importance of CMNP for the preservation of endemic species and its maintenance as a Conservation Unit make it an interesting area for study. Therefore, we made a floristic inventory of the acrocarpic mosses of CMNP with our goal to increase knowledge about the geographic distribution of bryophytes in Brazil.

## Methods

**Study area.** CMNP has an area of 161,000 ha divided between 2 administrative areas. The larger area (140,000 ha) covers parts of the municipalities of Carolina and Estreito, while the smaller (19,000 ha) covers the part of municipality of Riachão. The relief is characterized by the presence of sandstone hills with elevations between 250 m and 524 m (Fig. 1).

According to the Köppen climate classification, the climate of the region is Tropical Humid, with high temperatures throughout the year. There are 2 well-defined seasons: a dry summer from May to October and a rainy winter from November to April. The average annual mean temperature is 26.1 °C, with a minimum temperature of 25.2 °C in January to September and a maximum of 36 °C in July and August. Annual rainfall ranges from 1,250 to 1,500 mm per year (Lima et al. 2007).

The CMNP is almost entirely on yellow latosol soil with a characteristic deep profile, along with the constant presence of sedimentary sands, which are characteristic of these tabular reliefs. The main types of soils found in the region of CMNP are quartz sands, cambisols, and red-yellow latosols (Martins et al. 2017).

There are numerous springs within CMNP which supply 3 important watersheds: Parnaíba, Araguaia/Tocantins, and São Francisco. The Farinha River, one of the larger rivers of CMNP, is a tributary of the south bank of the Tocantins River, which is a very important water source



for the entire central region of the country (Marques and Amorim 2014).

**Sampling, herborization and identification.** Authorization for the collection and transport of specimens was approved by the Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservação da Biodiversidade (ICMBio number 50981).

Our collection expeditions were carried out during both the dry and rainy seasons and were focussed on areas near waterfalls, but also covered other areas and substrates. We gave special attention to the habitats most favorable for the colonization by bryophytes, such as waterfalls and the vegetation along stream banks. We collected and herborized the samples according to Frahm (2003), with the specimens being collected manually or with a knife and/or spatula and placed in brown paper bags. Data on substrate colonization follow the bryocenological groups of Robbins (1952), and included corticolous (Co), epixilous (Epx), epiphyllous (Epf), rupicolous (Ru), and terricolous (Te).

We identified the samples and incorporated them into the Herbarium Prof. Aluizio Bittencourt (HABIT), Universidade Estadual do Maranhão (UEMA), Centro de Estudos Superiores de Caxias (CESC), with duplicates incorporated into the Herbarium “Maria Eneyda Pacheco Kauffman Fidalgo” (SP) at the Instituto de Botânica de São Paulo.

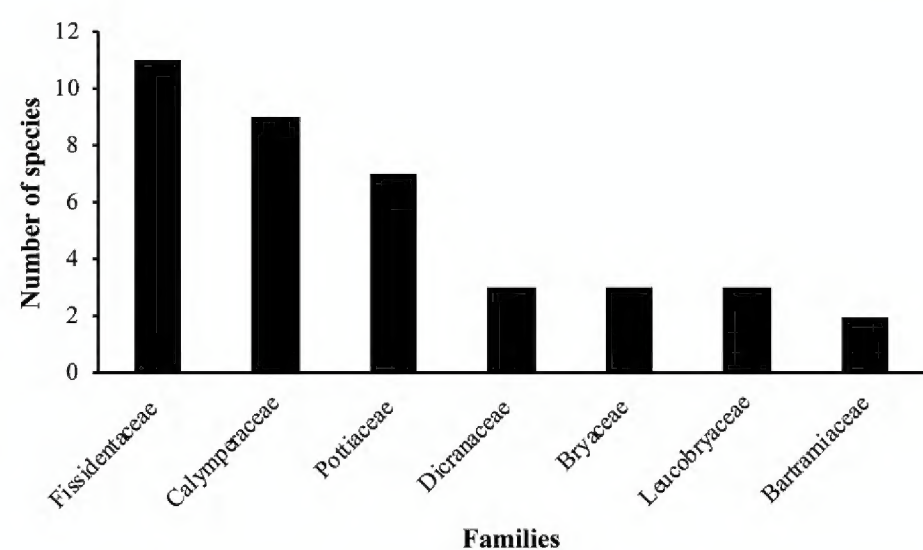
Species identification was accomplished in consultation with Frahm (1991), Zander (1993), Sharp et al. (1994), Buck (1998), Gradstein et al. (2001), Câmara (2008), Yano (2011), Yano and Peralta (2011), Valente et al. (2011), Bordin and Yano (2013), and Luiz-Ponzo et al. (2013).

The classification system adopted is that of Goffinet et al. (2009). Brazilian geographical distributions were categorized according to Valente and Pôrto (2006), who considered bryophytes that occur in 1 to 4 Brazilian states as “restricted”; those occurring in 5 to 9 states as “moderately distributed”; and those occurring in 10 or more Brazilian states as “broadly distributed”. The geographical distributions follow Forzza et al. (2010), Costa et al. (2011), Costa and Peralta (2015) and Carmo and Peralta (2016).

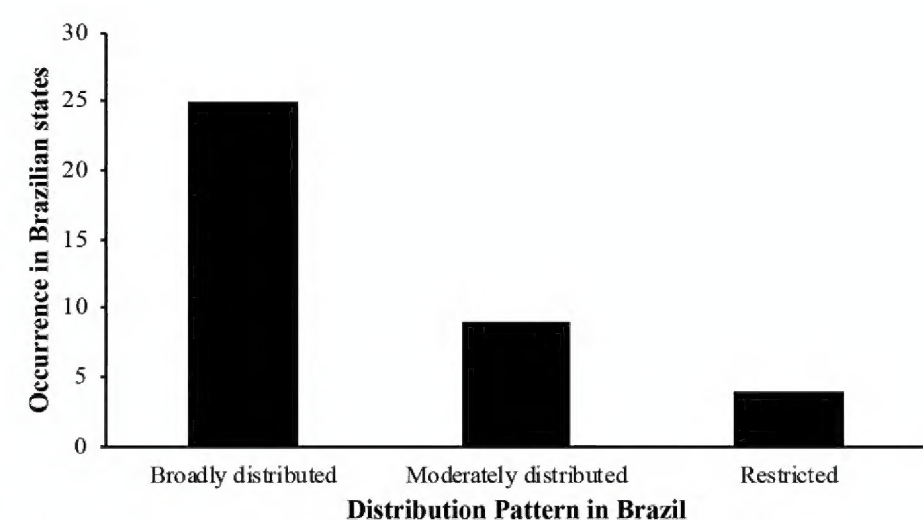
## Results

We found 38 species of acrocarpic mosses representing 18 genera and 7 families (Table 1). The richest bryophyte family in CMNP was Fissidentaceae (11 spp.), followed by Calymperaceae (9 spp.), Pottiaceae (7 spp.), Dicranaceae, Bryaceae and Leucobryaceae (3 spp. each), and Bartramiaceae (2 spp.) (Fig. 2). The most common species were *Hyophila involuta* (Hook.) A. Jaeger and *Octoblepharum albidum* Hedw., each of which occurred in 42 samples. Most of the species recorded are broadly distributed in Brazil (66%), while restricted species represented just 10% (Fig. 3).

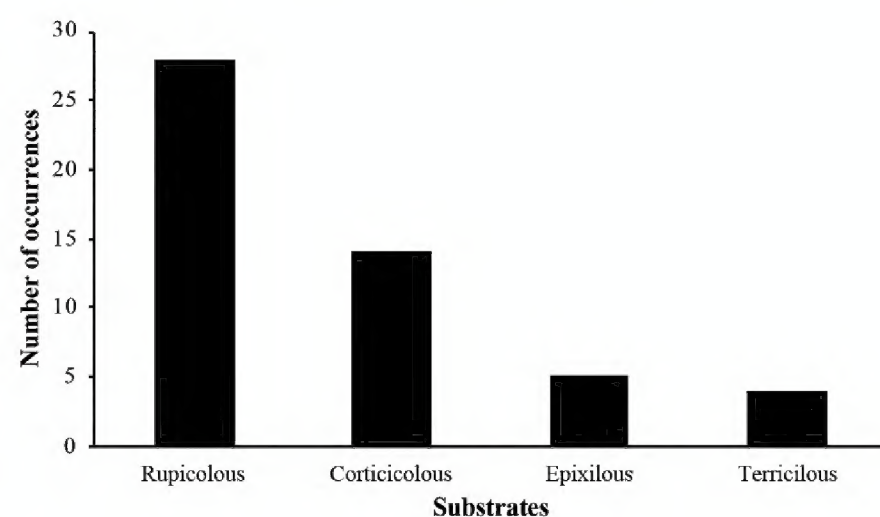
Of species found, 22 (55%) are new occurrences



**Figure 2.** Richness of acrocarpic moss families in CMNP, Maranhão, Brazil.



**Figure 3.** Distribution pattern of species in Brazilian states.



**Figure 4.** Percentage of substrates colonized by acrocarpic moss species occurring in CMNP, Maranhão, Brazil.

for the state of Maranhão, of which, *Leucobryum laevifolium* Broth., *Syrrhopodon tortilis* Hampe, *Fissidens steerei* Grout., and *Tortella tortuosa* (Schr. ex Hedw.) Limpr. constitute new records for the Northeast Region of Brazil, and represented 8% of the inventoried species. *Brachymenium columbicum* (De Not.) Broth. represents a new record for the Cerrado phytogeographical domain.

The bryocenological group with the greatest species richness was rupicolous (28 spp.), followed by corticolous (14 spp.), epixilous (5 spp.), and terricolous (4 spp.) (Fig. 4). There were 16 species (42%) with a preference for more than 1 type of substrate (polysubstrate) and 22 species (58%) that colonized only 1 type of substrate (monosubstrate).

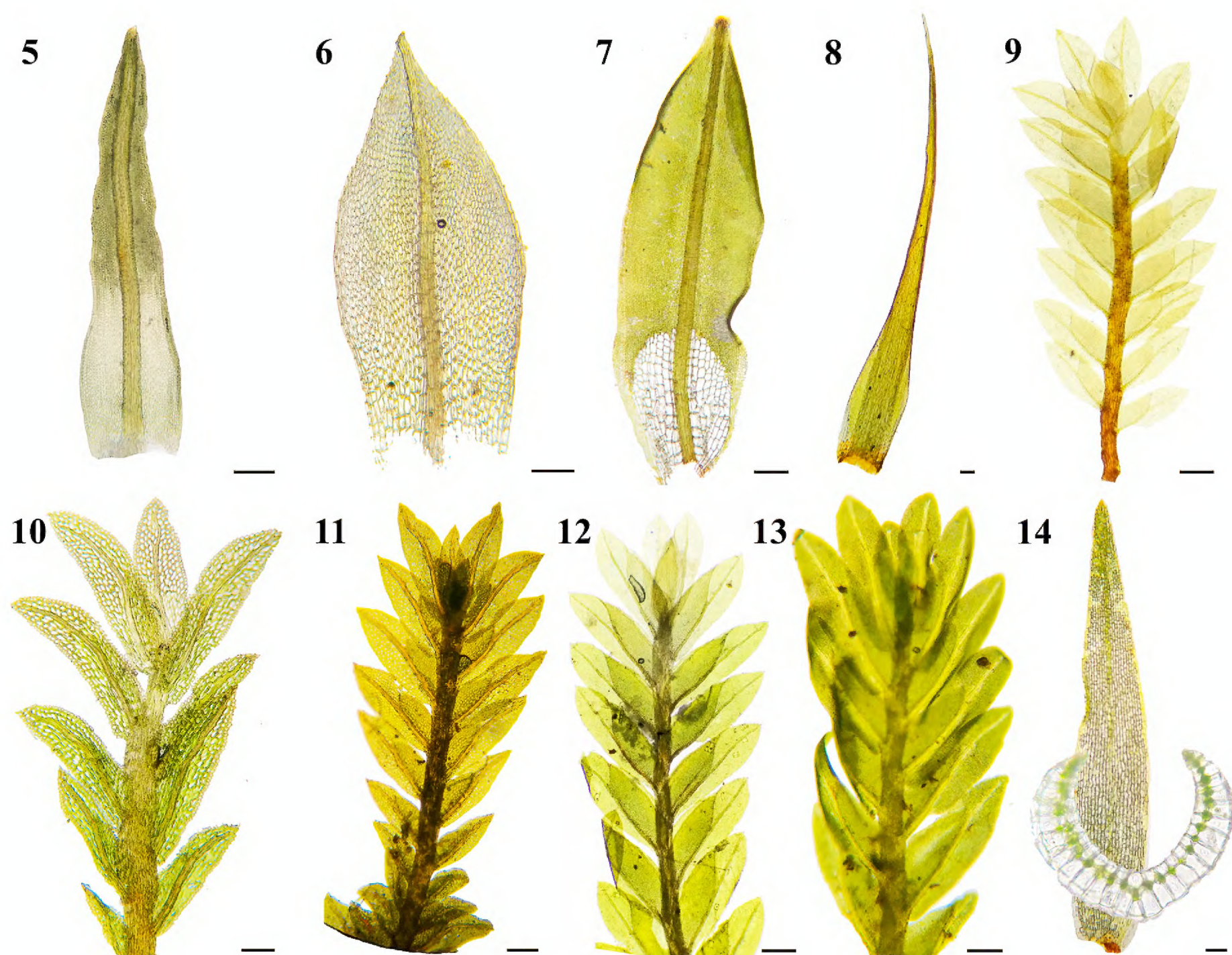
Diagnostic characterization of new records and remarkable species are provided here in alphabetical order.



**Table 1.** List of species of acrocarpic moss found in CMNP. Dist. Pattern = Distribution pattern in Brazil, MO = Moderately distributed, RE = Restricted, BR = Broadly distributed; Phytog. Domain = Phytogeographical domains, Amazon Forest = AM, Atlantic Forest = AT, Cerrado = CE, Caatinga = CA, Pampa = PA, Pantanal = PL; \*New record for the state of Maranhão; \*\*New record for the Northeast Region (FBC = Filipe Bezerra Costa; HCO = Hermes Cassiano de Oliveira; RRO = Regigláucia Rodrigues Oliveira).

Taxon	Dist. pattern	Phytog. domain	Voucher	Latitude (S)	Longitude (W)
<b>Bryophyta</b>					
<b>Bartramiaceae</b>					
<i>Philonotis uncinata</i> (Schwägr.) Brid. (Schwägrichen 1816, Bridel 1827)	MO	AM, CA, CE, AT	HCO 2708 (HABIT147)	06°59'17"S	047°09'52"
* <i>Philonotis sphaerocarpa</i> (Hedw.) Brid. (Hedwig 1801, Bridel 1827)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT, PA, PL	RRO 107 (HABIT153)	06°59'17"	047°09'52"
<b>Bryaceae</b>					
<i>Bryum coronatum</i> Schwägr. (Schwägrichen 1816)	BR	CE, AT	RRO148 (HABIT233)	07°13'27"	046°27'11"
* <i>Bryum limbatum</i> Müll. Hal. (Müller 1851)	MO	AT	FBC 128 (HABIT411)	07°03'56"	047°15'28"
* <i>Brachymenium columbicum</i> (De Not.) Broth. (Notaris 1859, Brotherus 1903)	RE	AM, CA, CE, AT, PA, PL	RRO 76 (HABIT85)	07°01'28"	047°02'52"
<b>Calymperaceae</b>					
* <i>Calymperes afzelli</i> Sw. (Swartz 1818)	MO	AT	RRO 380 (HABIT 757)	07°04'25"	047°19'30"
* <i>Calymperes erosum</i> Müll. Hal. (Müller 1848)	BR	AM, CE, AT	RRO 448 (HABIT975)	07°07'53"	047°25'48"
<i>Calymperes palisotii</i> Schwägr. (Schwägrichen 1816)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT	FBC 208 (HABIT513)	06°59'17"	047°09'52"
<i>Octoblepharum albidum</i> Hedw. (Hedwig 1801)	BR	AM, CE, AT	RRO 3 (HABIT 117)	07°04'25"	047°19'30"
* <i>Octoblepharum cylindricum</i> Schimp. ex Mont. (Montagne 1840)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT	RRO 146 (HABIT189)	07°13'28"	046°27'11"
<i>Octoblepharum pulvinatum</i> (Dozy & Molk.) Mitt. (Dozy & Molkenboer 1854, Mitten 1869)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT	RRO 381 (HABIT964)	07°08'07"	047°04'58"
* <i>Syrrhopodon ligulatus</i> Mont. (Montagne 1856)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT, PL	RRO433 (HABIT972)	07°07'53"	047°25'48"
* <i>Syrrhopodon prolifer</i> Schwägr. (Schwägrichen 1827)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT, PL	RRO 379 (HABIT739)	07°04'25"	047°19'30"
** <i>Syrrhopodon tortilis</i> Hampe, (Hampe 1872)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT	RRO 27 (HABIT105)	07°01'29"	047°02'45"
<b>Dicranaceae</b>					
* <i>Campylopus carolinae</i> Grout (Grout 1939)	BR	AM, CE, AT, PL	RRO 29 (HABIT273)	07°13'27"	046°27'11"
<i>Campylopus surinamensis</i> Müll. Hal. (Müller 1848)	MO	AM, CE, AT	RRO 344 (HABIT680)	07°04'25"	047°19'30"
* <i>Leucoloma tortellum</i> (Mitt.) A.Jaeger (Mitten 1869, Jaeger 1872)	MO	AM, CE, AT, PL	FBC 25 (HABIT266)	07°13'27"	046°27'11"
<b>Fissidentaceae</b>					
<i>Fissidens anguste-limbatus</i> Mitt. (Mitten 1869)	MO	AM, CA, CE, AT, PA, PL	FBC 71 (HABIT218)	07°13'27"	046°27'11"
<i>Fissidens elegans</i> Brid. (Bridel 1806)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT, PA	RRO 39 (HABIT614)	07°01'29"	047°02'45"
<i>Fissidens flaccidus</i> Mitt. (Mitten 1860)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT, PA, PL	RRO 280 (HABIT593)	06°59'17"	047°09'52"
* <i>Fissidens goyazensis</i> Broth. (Brotherus 1895)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT, PA, PL	RRO 39 (HABIT42)	07°01'29"	047°02'45"
<i>Fissidens guianensis</i> Mont. (Montagne 1840)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT	RRO 70 (HABIT93)	07°01'29"	047°02'45"
<i>Fissidens hornschruchii</i> Mont. (Montagne 1840)	RE	CE, AT	RRO 447 (HABIT982)	07°07'53"	047°25'48"
<i>Fissidens neglectus</i> H.A. Crum (Crum 1960)	BR	CE, AT	RRO 142 (HABIT178)	07°13'27"	046°27'11"
* <i>Fissidens ornatus</i> Herzog, (Herzog 1924)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT, PA, PL	RRO 164 (HABIT206)	07°13'27"	046°27'11"
* <i>Fissidens pellucidus</i> Hornsch., (Hornschuch 1840)	RE	AM, CA, CE, AT, PA, PL	RRO 165 (HABIT207)	07°13'27"	046°27'11"
* <i>Fissidens perfalcatus</i> Broth. (Brotherus 1900)	MO	CE, AT	FBC 71 (HABIT284)	07°13'27"	046°27'11"
** <i>Fissidens steeri</i> Grout (Grout 1943)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT, PA, PL	RRO 156 (HABIT 198)	07°13'27"	046°27'11"
<b>Leucobryaceae</b>					
** <i>Leucobryum laevifolium</i> Broth. (Brotherus 1901)	MO	AM, AT	FBC 48 (HABIT176)	07°13'27"	046°27'11"
* <i>Ochrobryum subulatum</i> Hampe (Hampe 1897)	BR	AM, CE	RRO 491 (HABIT974)	07°07'53"	047°25'48"
<i>Ochrobryum gardneri</i> (Müll.Hal.) Mitt. (Müller 1844, Mitten 1869)	BR	AM, CE, AT, PL	RRO 211 (HABIT347)	06°58'59"	047°22'43"
<b>Pottiaceae</b>					
* <i>Barbula indica</i> (Hook.) Spreng. (Hooker 1819, Sprengel, 1824)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT	RRO 196 (HABIT361)	06°58'59"	047°22'43"
<i>Hyophilla involuta</i> (Hook.) A. Jaeger (Hooker 1819, Jaeger 1873)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT, PA, PL	RRO 231 (HABIT403)	06°58'59"	047°22'43"
<i>Hyophiladelphus agrarius</i> (Hedw.) RH Zander (Hedwig 1801, Zander 1995)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT, PA, PL	RRO 140 (HABIT174)	07°13'27"	046°27'11"
<i>Plaubelia sprengelii</i> (Schwägr.) RH Zander (Schwägrichen 1823, Zander 1993)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT	RRO 346 (HABIT683)	07°04'25"	047°19'29"
* <i>Trichostomum brachydontium</i> Bruch, (Bruch 1829)	MO	AT	FBC 381 (HABIT773)	07°04'42"	047°05'43"
* <i>Trichostomum tenuirostre</i> (Hook. & Taylor) Lindb. (Hooker & Taylor 1827, Lindberg 1864)	BR	AM, CA, CE, AT	RRO 462 (HABIT1048)	07°07'53"	047°25'48"
** <i>Tortella tortuosa</i> (Schrader ex Hedw.) Limpr. (Hedwig 1801, Limpricht 1888)	RE	AT	RRO 104 (HABIT129)	06°59'17"	047°09'52"





**Figure 5–14.** Acrocarpic mosses of Chapada das Mesas National Park. **5.** *Barbula indica* (Hook.) Spreng. **6.** *Bryum limbatum* Müll. Hal. **7.** *Calymperes afzelii* Sw. **8.** *Campylopus carolinae* Grout. **9.** *Fissidens goyazensis* Broth. **10.** *Fissidens ornatus* Herzog, **11.** *Fissidens pellucidus* Hornsch. **12.** *Fissidens perfalcatus* Broth. **13.** *Fissidens steeri* Grout. **14.** *Leucobryum laevifolium* Broth. Scale bar = 100 µm.

***Barbula indica* (Hook.) Spreng. (Fig. 5)**

Recognized by oval to elliptical leaves; margins plane or weakly recurved at mid-leaf; apex acute to rounded, costae percurrent or subpercurrent, laminal cells quadrate and strongly pluripapillose. Habitat: soil and rocks. Brazilian range: AC, AM, PA, BA, PE, RN, SE, DF, GO, MS, MT, ES, MG, RJ, SP, PR, RS.

***Brachymenium columbicum* (De Not.) Broth.**

Recognized by oblong-lanceolate leaves, acute apex, entire margins, short-excurrent costae, elongate-rhomboidal cells in upper half and mid region, while quadratic cells at base. Habitat: rocks. Brazilian range: CE, SP.

***Bryum limbatum* Müll. Hal. (Fig. 6)**

Recognized by ovate to oblong leaves, apex broadly acute, entire to distally serrate margins, border with long-rectangular cells with thick walls, costae percurrent, basal cells of lamina rectangular and thin-walled. Habitat: soil. Brazilian range: DF, MS, ES, MG, RJ, SP, PR, RS, SC.

***Calymperes afzelii* Sw. (Fig. 7)**

Recognized by cancellinae ending in acute angles, costae percurrent to long-excurrent, spiny-papillose costa on adaxial surface, many propagules at the tip of costa.

Habitat: rocks. Brazilian range: AC, AM, AP, RO, RR, TO, BA, PB, PE, MS, MT, ES, RJ, SP, SC.

***Calymperes erosum* Müll. Hal.**

Species close to *C. afzelii* but differs in having smooth costae on adaxial surface. Habitat: tree trunks. Brazilian range: AC, AM, AP, PA, RO, RR, BA, PB, PE, GO, MT, MG, ES, RJ.

***Campylopus carolinae* Grout (Fig. 8)**

Recognized by hyaline hair point, basal portion of leaves hyaline and strong transition of ribbed costae with lamina in cross section. Habitat: soil and rocks. Brazilian range: RO, RR, BA, DF, MT, MS, MG, SP, PR.

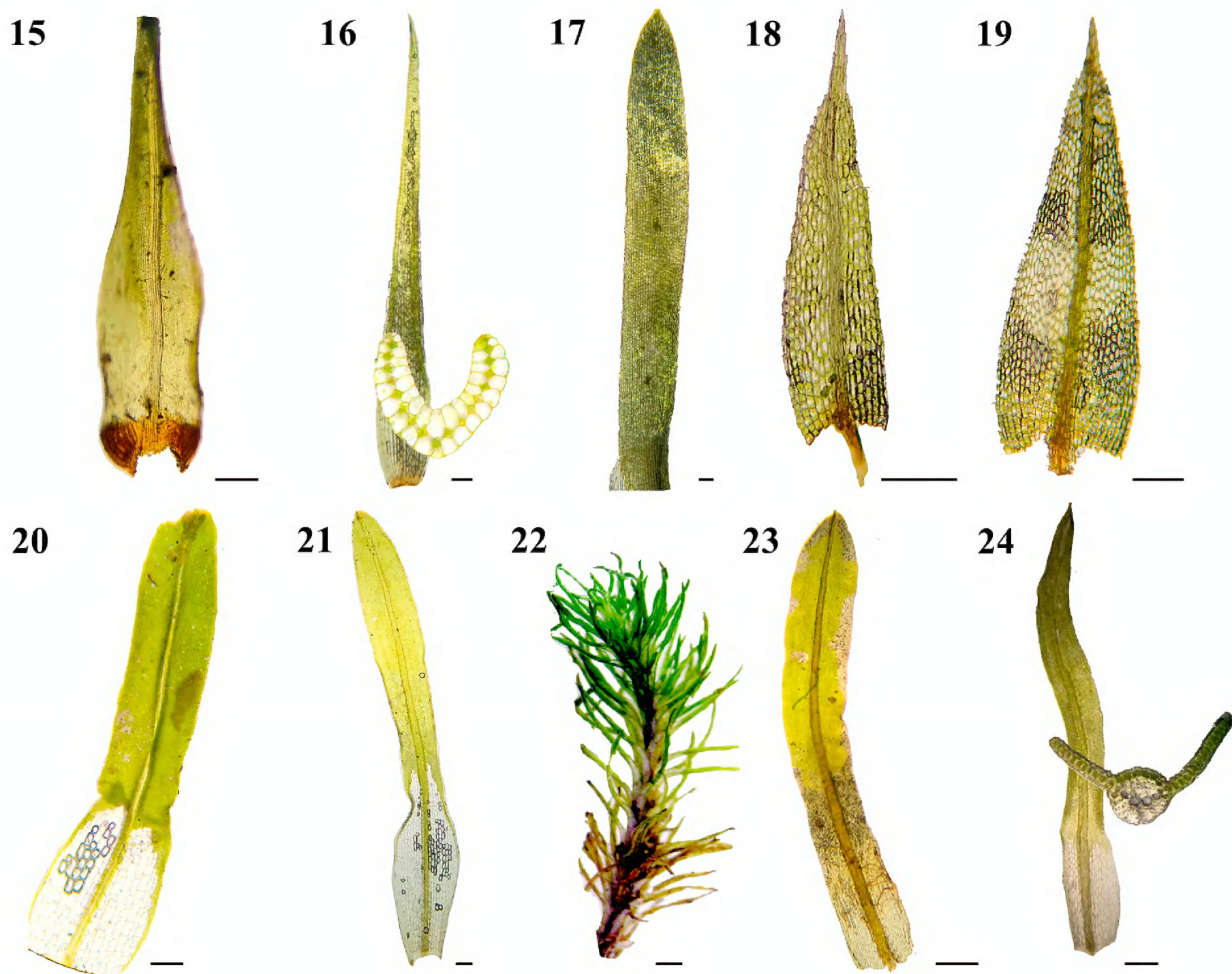
***Fissidens goyazensis* Broth. (Fig. 9)**

Recognized by limbate and imbricate leaves, unipapillose cells and axillary hyaline nodules. Habitat: rocks. Brazilian range: AM, BA, CE, PB, PE, PI, DF, GO, MG, RJ, SP.

***Fissidens ornatus* Herzog (Fig. 10)**

Recognized by margin with hexagonal cells, similar in shape to median cells but smaller. Habitat: rocks. Brazilian range: AC, AM, PA, RO, RR, BA, PE, DF, MT, MG, SP.





**Figure 15-24.** Acrocarpic mosses of Chapada das Mesas National Park **15.** *Leucoloma tortellum* (Mitt.) A. Jaeger. **16.** *Ochrobryum subulatum* Hampe. **17.** *Octoblepharum cylyndricum* Mont. **18.** *Philonotis sphaerocarpa* (Hedw.) Brid., **19.** *Philonotis uncinata* (Schwägr.) Brid. **20.** *Syrrhopodon ligulatus* Mont. **21.** *Syrrhopodon prolifer* Schwägr. **22.** *Syrrhopodon tortilis* Hampe. **23.** *Trichostomum tenuirostre* (Hook. & Taylor) Lindb. **24.** *Tortella tortuosa* (Hedw.) Limpr. Scale bar = 100 µm.

***Fissidens pellucidus* Hornsch.** (Fig. 11)

Recognized by gutulate and irregular quadratic hexagonal laminal cells. Habitat: rocks. Brazilian range: AC, AM, PA, RO, RR, TO, BA, CE, PB, PE, DF, GO, MG, ES, MG, RJ, SP, PR, RS, SC.

***Fissidens perfalcatus* Broth.** (Fig. 12)

Recognized by strongly unipapillose laminal cells and limbidium restricted to vaginant lamina. Habitat: rocks. Brazilian range: TO, BA, PB, PE, GO, MT, ES.

***Fissidens steeri* Grout.** (Fig. 13)

Recognized by strongly pluripapillose cells with bifurcated costae at end. Habitat: rocks. Brazilian range: GO, SP.

***Leucobryum laevifolium* Broth.** (Fig. 14)

Plants whitish to pale green in color, leaves grouped, costa reaching almost the leaf width, percurrent, smooth; outer walls of cells convex in crosssection of the apex region. Straight leaves differentiate this species from *L. martianum*, which has falcate leaves. Habitat: roots and tree trunks. Brazilian range: AM, MG, MT, RJ, RS, SC, SP.

***Leucoloma tortellum* (Mitt.) A. Jaeger** (Fig. 15)

Distinguished by the long-lanceolate leaf, with oval

base, entire margin, crenulated in apical region, apex acute to obtuse, costae strong, upper cells pluripapillose, elongated at margin. Alar cells long-rectangular, smooth, inflated, forming auricles. Habitat: rocks. Brazilian range: AM, CE, MG, PA, RO, RR.

***Ochrobryum subulatum* Hampe** (Fig. 16)

Plants small, forming lax to dense tufts, yellowish green in color. Differs from *O. gardneri*, the most common species of the genus, because of its linear lanceolate leaves with long acuminate apices. Habit: rocks and tree trunks. Brazilian range: AC, AM, PA, RO, RR, TO, AL, PE, DF, GO, MT, SP.

***Octoblepharum cylyndricum* Mont.** (Fig. 17)

Differs from *O. albidum* Hedw., the most common species of the genus, by its longer setae, oblong-cylindrical capsules, and acute to gradually apiculate leaves that are entire at the apex. Habitat: tree trunks. Brazilian range: AC, AM, AP, PA, RO, RR, TO, BA, CE, PB, PI, RN, SE, DF, GO, MS, MG, ES, MG, SP.

***Philonotis sphaerocarpa* (Hedw.) Brid.** (Fig. 18)

Recognized by salient costae on adaxial surface, acuminate apex and small cells at base of lamina. Growing



in tufts on rocky cliffs and banks of waterfalls. This is the first citation for the state of Maranhão. Habitat: rocks. Brazilian range: AM, BA, CE, MT, RJ, SC, SP.

***Philonotis uncinata* (Schwägr.) Brid.** (Fig. 19)

Lanceolate leaves, toothed margin in apical region, apex acuminate, cost strong, subpercurrent, cells of the superior portion of the leaf quadratic-rectangular, with papillae at the apices, at base smaller, irregularly quadratic, smooth. Habitat: rocks. Brazilian range: AC, AM, CE, BA, DF, MG, MT, MS, PA, PR, PE, PI, RJ, RS, RO, SP.

***Syrrhopodon ligulatus* Mont.** (Fig. 20)

Recognized by leaves with ligulate apices, pluripapillose cells above shoulders, margins bordered at and just above shoulders. Habitat: roots. Brazilian range: AC, AM, AP, PA, RO, RR, BA, PE, DF, GO, MS, MG, RJ, SP.

***Syrrhopodon prolifer* Schwägr.** (Fig. 21)

Plants dark-green in color, straight contorted when dry, linear-ligulate blades, margins entire at base, costa often spinose near leaf apex. Habitat: soil and rocks. Brazilian range: AC, AM, AP, PA, RO, TO, AL, BA, CE, PE, PI, SE, DF, GO, MT, ES, MG, RJ, SP, PR, RS, SC.

***Syrrhopodon tortilis* Hampe** (Fig. 22)

Similar to *S. prolifer* and often misidentified as such. Distinguishable by red to dark green color, wide lamina and cancellinae cells forming a concave region that always produces a wide-spreading habit to the leaves. Habitat: decomposing tree trunks and rocks. Brazilian range: MG, RJ, SP, RS, SC.

***Trichostomum brachydontium* Bruch.**

Highly variable with leaves sometimes being slender with a tapering tip. Leaves held at an angle of up to 45° or are recurved away from stem when moist, but crisp and incurved when dry, margins normally plane, but may be narrowly recurved. Habitat: decomposing tree trunks and rocks. Brazilian range: PA, RO, BA, PE, ES, PR.

***Trichostomum tenuirostre* (Hook. & Taylor) Lindb.** (Fig. 23)

Shoot tips usually dull green in color, and brown or almost black below. Leaves spread and wavy, crisp when dry, tips usually acute and margins plane. The species is very similar in appearance to *T. brachydontium*, but *T. brachydontium* is typically yellow-green in color and often grows in drier places. Habitat: rocks and tree trunks. Brazilian range: AM, PA, RO, RR, BA, CE, PI, SE, DF, GO, MT, MG, SP, RS.

***Tortella tortuosa* (Hedw.) Limpr.** (Fig. 24)

Leaves long, linear, crisp when dry, margins strongly undulate, cells at base differentiated, long, hexagonal and hyaline, subquadratic above, pluripapillose, costa percurrent. Habitat: rocks. Brazilian range: RJ, RS.

## Discussion

The species richness of acrocarpic mosses found in the CMNP is highly consistent with published information

on the bryophyte flora of the Cerrado. There is a high diversity of species in this phytogeographical domain, as found by Câmara (2008) who recorded 26 species of acrocarpic mosses in a survey in the IBGE Ecological Reserve in Brasília, Distrito Federal. Carmo and Peralta (2016) found 28 species of mosses, including 16 acrocarpic species, in a study in Serra da Canastra National Park. In another study, Rios et al. (2016) found 16 species in an area between several Cerrado physiognomies in the state of Goiás. In the Cerrado of Maranhão state, Oliveira et al. (2018) found 20 species of acrocarpic mosses. Our results, as well as those of previous studies, demonstrate the high species richness of acrocarpic mosses in the Cerrado and the high floristic potential of bryophyte species in CMNP. The importance of floristic surveys in conservation is reinforced. Floristic analysis allows comparisons within and between forest formations in space and time, generate data on the richness and diversity of an area, as well as enable the formulation of theories, test hypotheses, and produce results that will serve as the basis for other studies (Myers et al. 2000). In this way, with our results, we hope to collaborate with the management of the CMNP.

Calymperaceae was one of the most representative families, which can be explained by the broad distribution of this family in the tropics (Gradstein et al. 2001). The high representativeness of this family is demonstrated in floristic surveys at tropical region (Cerqueira et al. 2015, Oliveira et al. 2018). The composition being dominated by Acrocarpic mosses dominate the bryophyte flora on rocky outcrops (Silva and Germano 2013, Silva et al. 2014a, 2014b), where roughly 74% of the species are acrocarpic. The most species-rich families in the studies by Silva and Germano (2013) and Silva et al. (2014a, 2014b) were Leucobryaceae, Bryaceae, and Pottiaceae; in our study, these families were also highly species rich, which reflects the great availability in the study area of exposed habitats, where these families are typically found. These families are adapted for sunny substrates (Richards 1984).

The large number of species in our study belonging to the rupicolous bryocenological group is correlated to the availability of rocky substrata near waterfalls, where there are numerous rocky cliffs. Our results corroborate the findings of Carmo and Peralta (2016). The predominance of rupicolous community contrasts with tropical forests where corticolous bryophytes predominate (Richards 1984, 1988, Gradstein and Pócs 1989).

In CMNP, 57% of the bryophyte species are acrocarpic species. Most of the acrocarpic moss species found, 25 species or, are broadly distributed (Table 1). These species (e.g., *Hyophila involuta*, *Octoblepharum albidum*, and *Calymperes palisotii*) are generalists and can easily occupy several types of substrates.

Nine species are moderately distributed (24%) and 4 species are restricted (10%). The occurrence of these 4 species reinforces the importance of CMNP as a conservation unit with diverse vegetation types in Cerrado



and areas transitioning to Amazon Forest and Caatinga. The rich mosses flora is favored by conditions, such as humidity and a variety of substrates.

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